

MONEY FOR JAMESTOWN

Will be no Occasion for Extension of the Charter of the Company.

THE TIME IS UP AT MIDNIGHT

1. Said That Wealthy Citizens Have Agreed to Take the Remainder of the Stock.

To-day is the last day in which the Jamestown Exposition may subscribe the remainder of the one million dollars required as a condition of securing the State's appropriation of \$300,000. Just before the Legislature adjourned for the Christmas recess a powerful effort was made to secure the passage of the bill extending for six months the time within which this \$1,000,000 might be raised. The absence of a quorum prevented the passage of this bill by the Senate, it having gone through the House without difficulty.

Yesterday a gentleman from Norfolk identified with the movement, expressed the opinion that the bill would not be again heard of. He explained that the company would now raise the amount necessary to complete the million (some two hundred thousand dollars) and would, therefore, not have to ask the extension.

He explained that the director-general and other wealthy citizens of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity, would subscribe the remainder and take the chances of selling a large proportion of this stock in the enterprise later. While there has been no official statement to this point, the absence of the Norfolk members of the General Assembly and the utter lack of effort to secure the passage by the Senate of the bill extending the time for subscriptions, is regarded as confirmatory of this statement of the plans of the company. In other words, it is stated that a syndicate has been formed to take the two hundred thousand dollars of the one million of stock which the company agreed to raise. This syndicate shows its faith in the value of the stock, and of the ultimate success of the exposition project. With official notification to the State that the required sum has been subscribed, the bill appropriated by the State will become available.

With every prospect of a large appropriation by the Federal government, the holding of the exposition on a large scale is regarded as well assured, as anything in the future can be.

BIG BEN A WINNER.

The Only Winning Favorite at New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Big Ben was the only winning favorite to-day, and the books had a good day. Summary:

First race—miles—Jack Weber (18 to 5) first, John Coulter (4 to 1) second, Ithan (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:40 4-5. Second race—miles and a quarter—Boatright (15 to 2) first, Mary (6 to 1) second, Mary Moore (20 to 1) third. Time, 2:08 4-5.

Third race—five furlongs; handicap—Agnes Brennan (5 to 1) first, Alkita (15 to 1) second, Komomo (11 to 5) third. Time, 1:40.

Fourth race—selling; mile and seventy yards—Captain Gaines (11 to 5) first, Lee King (22 to 1) second, Bird of Avon (6 to 2) third. Time, 1:45 1-5.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Big Ben (2 to 1) first, Parlethen (5 to 2) second, Invincible (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:18 2-5.

Sixth race—selling; mile and seventy yards—Khaki (10 to 1) first, Henry of Frantamar (12 to 1) second, One More (11 to 5) third. Time, 1:48.

ELECTROLYSIS NOT CONSIDERED

The Water Committee Laid the Question Over to a Subsequent Meeting.

Nothing was done by the Water Committee last night in reference to the question pending between that committee and the Passenger and Power Company as to the damage done by electrolysis.

The question did not come up, except in the shape of a note from Mr. S. W. Huff, of the Passenger and Power Company, to Chairman John Mann, of the committee.

In this note Mr. Huff stated that, through no spirit of delay, he could do nothing in the matter until he had consulted with the New York owners. This, he said, could not be done until after the holidays, and he asked the committee to postpone action until after January 1st.

Captain A. B. Guilgon was present, and said that he could say very little more than Mr. Huff had said in his letter.

The company is as anxious to have a settlement of the question as the committee," he said, "and I should say that a matter of ten or twelve days would be sufficient."

The whole matter was then laid over, upon motion of Mr. Morton.

The committee transacted a lot of routine work.

Superintendent Bolling's report showed that there were several thousand dollars still to the credit of the pump-house fund, and it was decided by the committee that a sufficient amount of this should be utilized in securing and maintaining a wagon and horse for the use of the water department.

Attorney John Welsh was present to urge the committee to take some action in reference to judgments he had secured against the city on mechanics' liens in reference to work being done by Contractor Goodwin on the standpipes. The superintendent was directed to pay the sums, upon direction of the City Attorney.

The request of Watchman Johnson of the New Reservoir for an increase in salary was favorably reported and recommended to Council, upon motion of Mr. Heslop.

It was decided to place a fire plug at Grove Avenue and Robinson Street. Those present at the meeting were Messrs. Mann, Anderson, Beck, Heslop, Mills, Morton and Zimmermann.

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PLEASURES AT THE Y.M.C.A. TO-MORROW

An Entertainment for the Boys and Girls of Richmond.

One of the main features of the New Year's Day festivities at the Central Young Men's Christian Association will be the afternoon programme in the big auditorium at 3:30 o'clock—a complimentary entertainment to the boys and girls of Richmond, more especially to those between the ages of twelve and eighteen, who attend the public and private schools.

The Y.M.C.A. has very kindly consented to assist, and the programme, which will be a most fascinating one, will begin promptly at 3:30, and is as follows:

"When Jack and I Were Children," Lohr, Miss Jarvis.
"Bliss Pericles' Toboggan Slide," Phelps, Miss Koeler.
Indian Club Drill.
"Kobolians," Eberhart, Miss Bennett.
Gymnastic "Horse" Work.
"I'm Wearing Awa," Arthur Foot.
"Mighty 'Lak a Rose," Nevin, Mrs. Booth.

Torchlight Swinging.
"You're Just a Little Nigger," Dunbar, with accompaniment, Miss Koeler.

The programme will be followed by a contested game of basketball in the gymnasium between the "Giants" and the "Redskins," after which the grand exhibit will be thrown open to the boys and girls. Admission will be free; tickets, however, must be secured at the building or through the members of the association.

Confederate Graves.
There are at various places in the United States the graves of some 30,000 Confederate prisoners of war who died while in prison. Many are on land not owned, but leased, by the government. Others are on land owned by the United States, but the graves are in large part imperfectly marked, and the ground is not properly marked. A bill is pending in the Senate and has been favorably reported, making a modest appropriation to acquire possession of leased land, to inclose all lands containing graves, and to mark each grave with a stone like those in the Confederate section at Arlington, giving the name, rank, company, regiment and State, of the dead.

This bill provides for the performance of a duty to which the attention of Congress was first called twenty-five years ago. There should be no question of its passage.—New York Times.

Another Endless Chain.
"How did Lushman catch that frightful cold?"
"Drinking hot whiskey punches."
"What! What did he drink them for?"
"For a cold."—Philadelphia Press.



BRIGHT PROSPECTS ATTEND THE COMING YEAR.

REUNION A JOYFUL ONE

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of the child is no small thing; he would not applaud even the Governor of Virginia unless he was pleased.

Then upon the stage trooped out the actors, themselves transformed by the spirit that was in the very air. Like the others they lowered their tone, figuratively speaking, to the pitch of the audience, and all were children again. For an hour and a half they did their best and for this time was the T. D. C. C. in its most irrepressibly American state. Little hands raised high clapped a welcome and a farewell to each



Showing His T. D. Badge.

as he appeared and left. A bubbling voice would break through the most sustained dialogue and express a gleeful appreciation of some happy hit. A hundred beaming eyes spoke of untold sympathy and admiration for the curly-headed little girl, no larger than her auditors, who danced beyond the mysterious footlights. A mighty yearning was expressed in the very decidedly masculine applause given the handsome, frock-coated young boy, who so gracefully trod that cake-walk on the boards. A wandering and half-frightened silence greeted some of the daring acrobatic evolutions. Now and then the better view of the masses to get a relief when all was done without mishap. Small and eager boys actually squirmed in their seats in the intensity of their admiration for certain wonderful performances by the buffoon. Everything was good as the child audience saw it, and everything was applauded. In the last grand riotous act, when pistols banged and big guns roared, the thousand little ones went wild with delight. Many of them scrambled out of their seats and yelled. Gleefully they caught and tossed back with a vim the mushy cannonballs that the redoubtable, but hard pressed, knight with the "Oom Paul" rifle, kicked plumb into the audience. Now and then a flying missile, sent from the hand of one of the children, would strike the lone soldier upon his protruding and varicolored nose. The roar of the audience would drown the voice of the burning cannon.

At last it was over, and the long awaited reunion had been accomplished. A thousand clear young voices were raised in three generous cheers for the manager of the theatre where the children sat in the front row. Then they became quiet and sat, then they became quiet and sat, then they became quiet and sat.

Major Capers followed with a greeting. He went slowly, for the crowd threw its vociferous voice at every word. The protest (applause) of the audience had in the Mayor tried to say connectedly. "I delight to see all these beautiful girls and handsome boys." (Denoting applause.) "The T. D. C. C. is a great thing, and I want to see you stick to it. (Hurrahs.) I know you will do what you set out to do. (Much clapping.) 'Won't you do it?' (A well conceived scream.) Mayor Taylor arose and spoke briefly and happily to the children. He created unbounded enthusiasm by his statement that he was a friend of the children, and that every Christmas he gives the chief of police orders to turn the town over to them.

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The speaking over, the performance by the actors who had so kindly given their services to the club began, to continue through the next hour or two.

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LITTLE FOLKS KEEP WELL.
It is a hard thing to keep the little folks during the holidays from eating too much candy and cake. Over-eating causes a great deal of sickness. Keep a box of Laxative in the house, give one every night, and keep them well. The little folks like to take Cascara because they can eat them just like candy, 10 cents a box at any drug store.

Came Early.
As indicated in the opening, the T. D. C. C. is a thing unique in its kind. It

is a club made up of children, and it numbers about 500 souls. Many of them are out of town members, however. The club is to be a permanent thing; its membership is to be constantly increased. It is to be made the best of the newspaper children's club in existence.

That the first reunion was a great success needs no saying. Admission to the theatre was by badge, and every little man or maid who came wore the pretty button in a conspicuous place. The doors were opened at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and a bunch of impatient youngsters at once rushed in. No seats were reserved. He who came first was served first, and everybody tried to get there first, with the usual result. The exercises were to begin at 2:30 P. M. By 2 o'clock the main floor of the house was filled. Constant arrivals gradually swelled the crowd. When the curtain arose, at least a thousand souls were present.

The house was brilliantly lighted from end to end. The pit was a live and chattering mass of little men and women, the former in their best bib and tucker, the latter in their prettiest dress and under the circumstances, easily for the most striking gibbon howl. It was a merry crowd from the start, but within a remarkably well behaved one. Now and then the Americanism of the small boy would upset his better manners, but the instances were few and far between, and, under the circumstances, easily forgiven. Laughter light and free rang through the house, and everything was animation and liveliness. The slightest thing caused the spirits of the youthful throng to bubble over. So small a matter as the disturbance of a circular provoked unbounded enthusiasm.

Thus the crowd amused itself until a sudden yell startled the little ones out of their seats. They glowed into long continued roar. James T. Capers entered the front door, and proceeded down the aisle, took a seat in a box to the left. The eyes of the children followed him at every step. Shortly afterwards Mr. John Stewart Bryan came in a businesslike manner. Another roar came from the crowd and a loud clapping of hands.

By this time the crowd was thoroughly loosened up, and when the flashes from the footlights announced the beginning of the exercises the applause was deafening. The audience sat sedately through the overture by the Bijou orchestra, and then, with un concealed interest, watched the curtain slowly go up.

The Speeches.
A series of happy little speeches led off the programme. Mr. John Stewart Bryan gave to his fellow-members of the T. D. C. C. a hearty welcome, viewed the good beginning with pleasure,

and predicted great things for the club. It would be made the greatest club of its kind in the world. He told the children to stick to it, and in 1910, that is, a year hence, they would have next year.

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One was a little curly-headed girl, pretty and winsome, who at once won the hearts of the female part of the audience, the other was a little boy, whose performance charmed the masculine sex. These two little actors danced themselves tired at the bidding of the crowd, which would not let them depart.

The wondering attention of the little ones was next turned to the novel musical performance of Van Eicklin and Wilson. Whence came this strange power that drew music from base-ball bats and punching bags? The youthful head could not fathom the mystery, but it took unequivocal delight in watching the thing done. The black face comedians, Ford and Wilson, were evidently much enjoyed. Their songs and dances were decidedly interesting to the children if the fuss they made over them counts for anything.

Mr. Charles J. Ross, of the Ross-Fenton Company, delivered "a few cheery remarks" to "the future Henry Wattersons and Ella Wheeler Wilcoxes" before

him. His mimicry provoked a burst of applause from the crowd. Mr. Ross is one of the best known comedians in America, and he bears the distinction of being the first player to be signed by Weber and Fields when it started to branch out. He will go to New York on Monday to take up his work with the Belairs, the new Belasco play.

Last came Sherman and DeForest, the knockabout artists. Here was the grand climax. Pistols spat across the cannons belted, and an amazingly large number of cannon balls turned up the lone and unlovely soldier, and knocked him hors de combat. He was killed some seven or eight times, but came back to life, and finally he was killed for good. The audience fairly screamed with delight. They tumbled over each other grabbing at the mushy black things, and then ran up the aisle and flung them in the face of the mighty warrior.

The performance turned into a jolly romp.

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